

PUBLIC HEARING - #12HENDERSON TILE
Noble Township

The Cass County Drainage Board held a public hearing for the Henderson Tile on June 6, 2011 at 3:26 p.m. in room 203 of the Cass County Government Building. Those in attendance were members: Dave Arnold, Gene Powlen, Jim Sailors, Attorney John Hillis, Surveyor, Jenny Clark, Secretary Becky Tocco, Randall Miller, and Willie Elliott.

Dave Arnold called the meeting to order.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT

Randall Miller contacted as many landowners and farmers as possible. He then physically located the drains to quantify the size, conditions of the tile, grades, etc so he could analyze the entire watershed. The drain's current condition was found to be nonfunctional. Submitted maps depicted the locations of the tiles along with the breakdowns and obstructed areas. The study determined that the entire watershed and tiles require replacement, as well as at least one section of county roadway. Estimated costs per acre were set at \$300.00 per acre to replace 4300' of 30" tile. A summary of the objections on file was presented; 44.738% of the watershed has objected.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS or COMMENTS FILED

Robert Ferguson
Roger and Cathy Barr
Gerald Garrison
Carroll & Debra Ide
Ronnie & Dana Roller
Thomas Blank
Sandra Sturdivant
Merle Myers
Steve Nice
Dan Nice
Victor Willy Jr
Ted & Norma Speicher
Gary & Nancy Spencer

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were many people present, those speaking were:

Gary Spencer questioned going around Ted Speicher's pond as an option; he also wanted to know why we are using a bigger tile.

Bob Ferguson thinks it is as simple as a plug somewhere.

Ted Speicher noted that water has been a problem for more than 20 years.

Ray Small asked how the original money was raised to create this watershed, and wanted to know how going around a wetland was helpful.

Jeff Shanks has 40 unplatable acres and is for this phase of the project.

Tim McKaig said he has water standing for a month and wanted to know how many total phases there would be.

Sam Snyder has a spot on south side of 150 that he can't farm.

Bob Shanks

George Stephenson , representing Victor Willy, asked when any appeals could be filed if this is passed.

Gerald Garrison

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

There was much discussion as to whether they could just raise the assessment to \$4 per acre to get some monies in the fund to do a few test spots near the headwall.

Gene Powlen made a motion to reject the project. Dave Arnold seconded; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Gene Powlen made a motion to adjourn the hearing. Jim Sailors seconded; motion passed.

David S Arnold, President

Rebecca Tocco, Secretary